

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

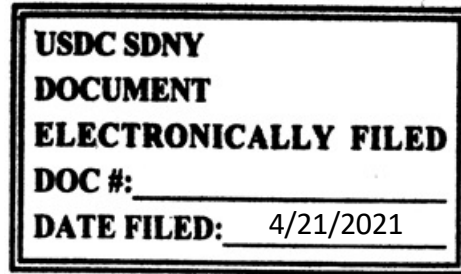
Immigrant Defense Project et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

United States Immigration and Customs
Enforcement,

Defendant.



1:20-cv-10660 (SDA)

ORDER

STEWART D. AARON, United States Magistrate Judge:

Following a telephone conference with the parties on April 20, 2021, the Court hereby ORDERS, as follows:

1. Defendant immediately shall begin processing documents at a rate of 600 pages per month. The Court anticipates that this rate will be adjusted once the Court has received more information from Defendant pursuant to the below.

2. No later than Monday, April 26, 2021, Defendant shall file a status update with the Court that sets forth (a) a total page count of the “certain records” Defendant has identified “that have already been collected that are unlikely to be duplicated during the ongoing searches” (the “Unlikely Duplicates”); and (b) any conclusions Defendant has reached with regard to “whether reasonable email searches are feasible” in response to Complaint Ex. A Request Nos. 1(p) and 1(q) and Complaint Ex. B Request Nos. 6 and 12 (the “Requests Under Evaluation”). (Joint Ltr., ECF No. 33, at 1.)

3. No later than Monday, May 3, 2021, Defendant shall:

(a) make a first monthly production, based on processing at least 600 pages of Unlikely Duplicates (or, if the Unlikely Duplicates comprise fewer than 600 pages, all the Unlikely Duplicates); and

(b) file with the Court a first monthly status update, setting forth: (i) a count of document pages processed (A) since April 16, 2021¹ and (B) in total; (ii) a count of document pages produced (A) since April 16, 2021 and (B) in total; (iii) a count of Unlikely Duplicate pages that remain un-processed, if any; (iv) a page count of any newly identified “records unlikely to be duplicated,” to the extent Defendant has “continue[d] to identify” them (*see* Joint Ltr. at 1); and (v) any further conclusions Defendant has reached with regard to the Requests Under Evaluation.

4. No later than Friday, May 14, 2021, Defendant shall (a) complete all outstanding searches; (b) complete deduplication of the documents returned by those searches; and (c) file a status update with the Court that sets forth a total page count of those deduplicated documents.

5. No later than Tuesday, June 1, 2021, Defendant shall (a) make a second monthly production, based on processing at least 600 pages since its prior production, and (b) file with the Court a second monthly status update, setting forth: (i) a count of document pages processed (A) since its prior production and (B) in total; and (ii) a count of document pages produced (A) since its prior production and (B) in total.

¹ The Declaration of ICE Acting FOIA Officer Fernando Pineiro sets forth the number of pages processed and produced through this date. (*See* ECF No. 33-1, at 5, 6.)

6. Plaintiffs are encouraged to identify to Defendant any higher- or lower-priority categories of requested documents. If they do so, Defendant shall use its best efforts to prioritize its processing and production efforts accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
April 21, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart D. Aaron". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

STEWART D. AARON
United States Magistrate Judge